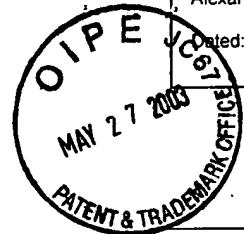


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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Dear Sir:

This amendment is submitted following the filing of the Request for Continued Examination of patent application Serial No. 10/052,832 and in response to the Advisory Action dated March 13, 2003 received for this application. Careful consideration has been given to the grounds for rejection as contained in the Action, and the enclosed amendments and discussion are offered in response. This amendment intends to place the pending claims into condition for allowance. Applicants now respectfully request entry and consideration of the amended claims prior to issuance of an action on the merits.

Also included herein is an Exhibit:

Exhibit A: *Ex Parte Mark*, 12 U.S.P.Q.2d 1904 (Bd. Pat. App. & Int. 1989).

Exhibit B: U.S. Patent 6,511,800 B1.